



OCTOBER TIP SAVINGS: \$50-\$300/YR

Avoided Emissions of CO₂: Up to 500 lbs./YR

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DIG IN: FALL IS THE BEST TIME TO PLANT

Plant a garden, wildflower seeds or landscape plants

Fall is a fantastic time to plant because soil temperatures are still warm, encouraging root growth and development while allowing plants to get better established before next summer's heat sets in. Also, with cooler temperatures, plants need less water and it is a much more forgiving time of year to put new plants in the ground.

It's also the time of year to plant a vegetable garden or wildflower seeds. **Are you thinking of overseeding your Bermuda grass?** Check out our website at www.mesaaz.gov/conservation to see the "Top Ten Reasons Not to Overseed with Winter Rye."

***Plant wildflower
seeds NOW for
spring bloom!***

FALL PLANTING RESOURCES

1. **Landscape Plants:** Call for a FREE copy of our "Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert" booklet at (480) 644-3306 or find online at www.amwua.org/plants.
2. **Wildflower Seeds:** See our "Wildflowers & More" section in the plants booklet mentioned above or at www.amwua.org/annuals.html. Call or email us for a free packet of Sonoran Desert wildflower seeds at (480) 644-3306 or conservation.info@mesaaz.gov.
3. **Vegetable Garden Planting Guide:** Find one online at the UofA Maricopa County Extension website, www.cals.arizona.edu/pubs/garden/az1005.pdf or by calling (602) 827-8200.

FALL PLANTING EVENT

MESA URBAN GARDEN fall gardening workshop – Don't miss **Fall – Planting Like It Is Spring in the Desert** presented by Catherine, The Herb Lady, who will talk about transplanting, successive sowing, and how to get the most out of your fall through spring garden. Sat. Oct. 1, 4:30-6 p.m., 212 E. 1st Ave. (outdoor lecture). The event will also offer free seeds and bunching onions and the option to purchase vegetable and flower transplants.

FALL PLANT SALES

Besides your local nursery, be on the lookout for these great sales around the valley:

- **Desert Botanical Garden:** Oct. 15 & 16, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. & 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members only on Oct. 14.
- **Boyce Thompson Arboretum:** Oct. 8 - 23, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members only on Oct. 7.
- **Arizona Rare Fruit Growers:** Oct. 15, 8 a.m. to Noon at Mesa Community College.
- **Fall Plant Sale by UofA Master Gardeners:** Oct. 29 at Metro Tech High School, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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You can start saving by planting water-wise, seasonal plants and doing your part for *building a sustainable community*. Visit our Web site for more sustainability savings tips at www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability.



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